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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Cassandra Celaya, ELL Content and Assessment Specialist
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DATE: August 27, 2010

SUBJECT: WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test™ (W-APT™)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

W-APT stands for the WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test™. This assessment tool, known as the "screener," is used by educators to measure the English language proficiency of students who have recently arrived in the U.S. or in a particular district. It can help to determine whether or not a child is in need of English language instructional services, and if so, at what level.

On **Thursday, September 2nd, 2010**, a WIDA W-APT Training Webinar will be presented at two times for your convenience. Please plan to attend **one** of the following trainings:

- 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Thursday, September 2, 2010
- 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM, Thursday, September 2, 2010

This is a recommended training for all ELL teachers who would administer the W-APT™ and who administer the ACCESS for ELLs®. Additional information, including the link for joining the webinar and training materials, will be received in districts and schools prior to the training.

Please share this important information with building principals and teachers who may need this information. If you have questions, please contact Cassandra Celaya at 307-721-1924 or ccelaya@educ.state.wy.us.

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